

HOUSE BILL 2396

By Lundberg

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40; Title 55, Chapter 10; Title 55, Chapter 50 and Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to using electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-199(d), is amended by deleting the language "subject only to imposition of a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00)" and by substituting instead the language "subject only to imposition of a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-199(f), is amended by designating the existing language as a new subdivision (1) and by adding the following as a new subdivision (2):

(2) A law enforcement officer is authorized to issue a citation to a person pursuant to this section based solely upon evidence of a violation of this section, regardless of whether the person is issued a citation for a separate traffic offense in violation of a municipal ordinance or a separate traffic offense as provided in this chapter or chapter 9 of this title.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to prohibited conduct occurring on or after the effective date of this act.